

A. REMARKS

1. Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The examiner rejected claims 1-6 as being anticipated by Peters (2002/0116411). Applicant submits that Peters is a “method for automatically updating bookmarks stored by a web browser when the URL with which they are linked is invalid and a redirect to an alternate URL is specified.” [Peters: 0024] Peters is directed to solving the problem of a bookmarked URL that has changed.

Applicant’s invention, on the other hand, is directed to the problem that if the user enters an invalid URL, the web browser may direct the user to an alternate web site.” The invention is directed to preventing “the user from being sent to an alternative web site when the user enters an invalid URL.” [Mosey: 0003]

Applicant has amended claim 1 to add the limitation that “the block program prevents the user from being sent to an alternate web site by the web browser.” A similar amendment has been made to claims 5 and 6.